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Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion on the bill itself, LB 756. Open for discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator McDonald, did you wish to close on advancement?

SENATOR McDONALD: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support of this bill. Had the opportunity the other day to receive a phone call from the gentleman in Ohio whose wife had passed away in 1999 with cancer. And he had the vision of doing this and bringing it to his legislature. It took him two and a half years for them to see the light. The first year he had total opposition. The second year he found someone that saw the viable cause of this legislation. And the final year before they passed it, it passed without opposition. So he called me to congratulate me for bringing this forward. I commend you for your support. We are working on various other aspects of this bill. We are going to be working with the pharmacists to see that any prescription over \$2 is in a foil pack, so it can be used again. And I think those things are what we have to do. We'd like to do, at a later time, work with the federal issues of this, because we cannot take any controlled substances. And if we get enough states to adopt this legislation, maybe we can allow the federal laws to be implemented to the point that we could use those too. So I commend you for your support. And again, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 756. The question before the body is, should LB 756 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before us is to advance LB 756 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 756.